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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

**U.S. PATENTS:**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:**

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Germany	199 08 367	Mar 30, 2000
Germany	197 33 035	Feb 18, 1999
Germany	297 13 631	Nov 13, 1997
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The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP02/08389 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

English language abstracts are attached to DE 199 08 367, DE 197 33 035 and DE 32 19 260.

**OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:**

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Germany	848 165	Sep 01, 1952

The reference listed above was cited by the German Examiner in Applicants' corresponding German patent application 101 38 356.8 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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